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Dear Mr. Zaid:

On 21 April 2008, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 21 April 2008 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

- 1. Current contracts between CIA and private contracting firms under which the firms supply personnel to the Office of the General Counsel ("OGC") and the Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Office ("FOIA/PA Office"), specifically identifying the firm by name, the nature of the personnel to be provided, the duration of the contract, and all other terms of the service contract. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph, only contracts between CIA and contracting firms are requested; this sub-paragraph should not be interpreted as a request for individual contracts of service between CIA and individual contract personnel.**
- 2. Internal CIA documents pertaining to the method by which CIA evaluates contractors, awards contracts, and allocates projects to contractors, including but not limited to any official guidelines regarding these practices.**

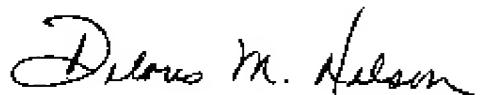
We assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding with us so that we can identify it easily.

We accept your request and will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. Unless you object, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records existing through the date of this acceptance letter. Please note that for item #1, we define "current contracts" as contracts that the period performance is in effect as of the date of this letter.

Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the "news media" fee category. You must pay only for the cost of reproducing released records, which is ten cents per page after the first 100 copies, which you receive free. However, as an act of administrative discretion, there will be no charge for processing this request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Delores M. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Delores" and "M." being more stylized and "Nelson" being more like a standard printed name.

Delores M. Nelson  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

